UTAH'S LEGISLATURE



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Utah State Government

Who should I work with?

Legislative



104 members
Writes the laws
Passes the budget

Executive



Veto power

Executive agencies implement laws

Proposes a budget

Judicial



Trial and Appelate Courts
Reviews laws
Can overturn laws

Cooperative Effort

Who talks to who?





Tribal Leaders



Executive



Division of Indian Affairs



Legislative Involvement

Why work with the Legislature?

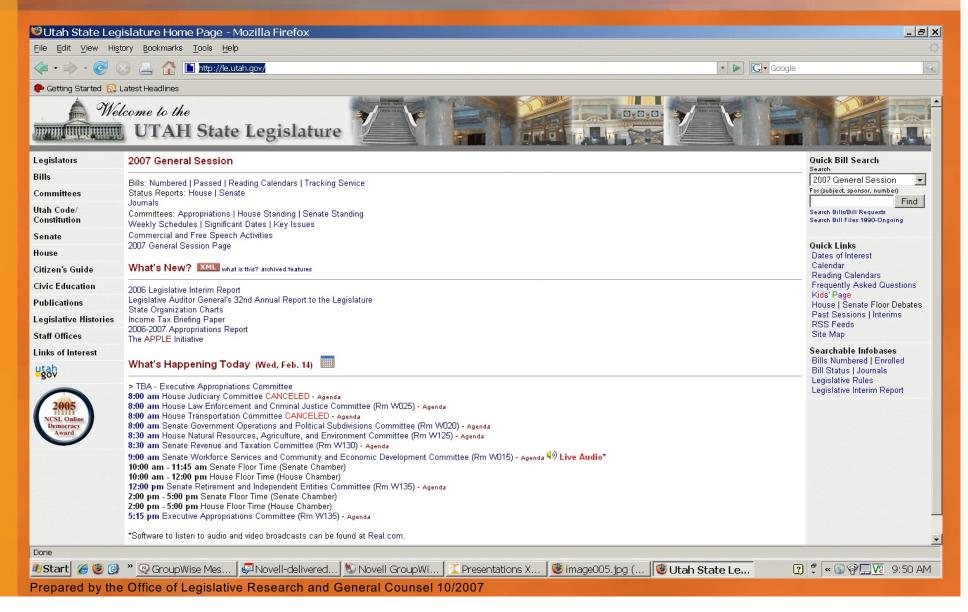
- Tribes often work with the Governor and executive agencies to resolve problems
- Sometimes a change to law or additional monies may be necessary
- Statutory changes or appropriations of money require legislative involvement

Working with the Legislature

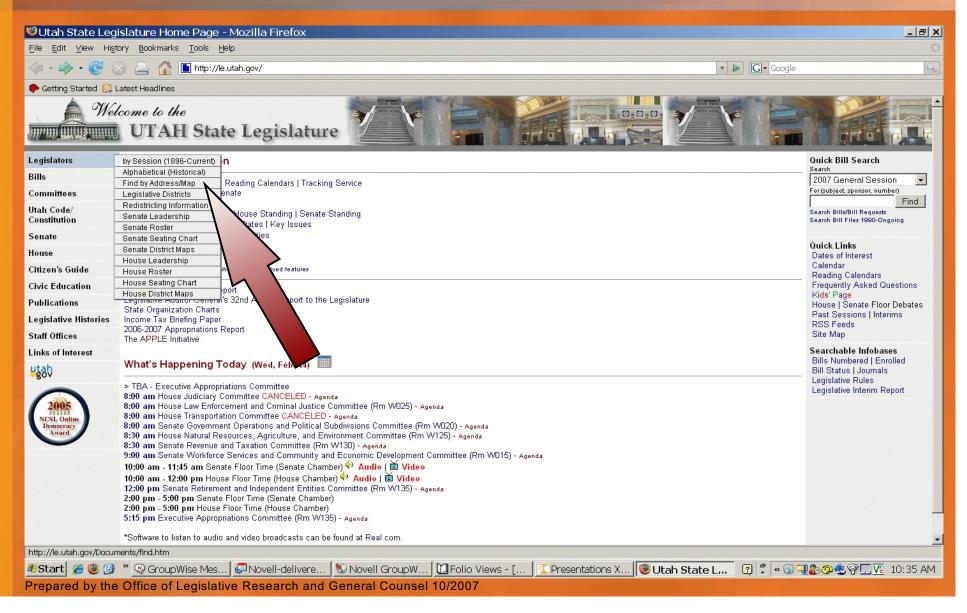
Who do I contact in the Legislature?

- Your individual legislators
- Native American Legislative Liaison Committee
 - Chairs of the committee
 - Members
 - Staff
- Legislative leadership
- Yearly visit to the Legislature

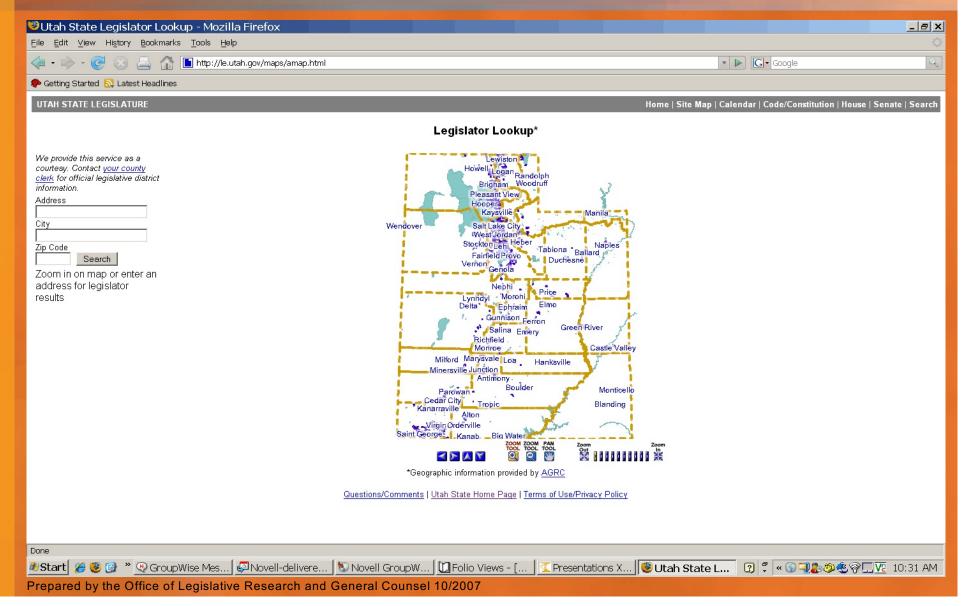
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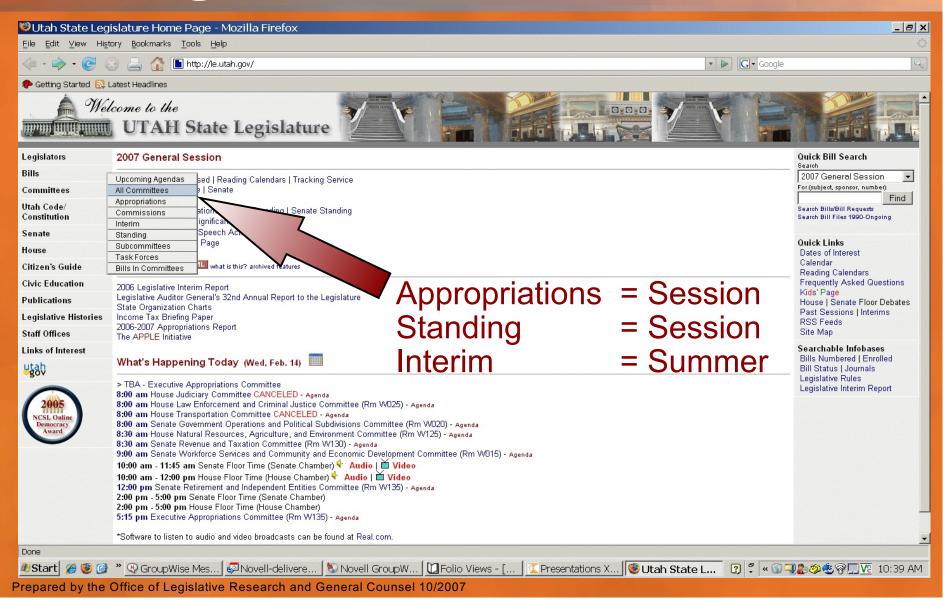


Individual Legislators

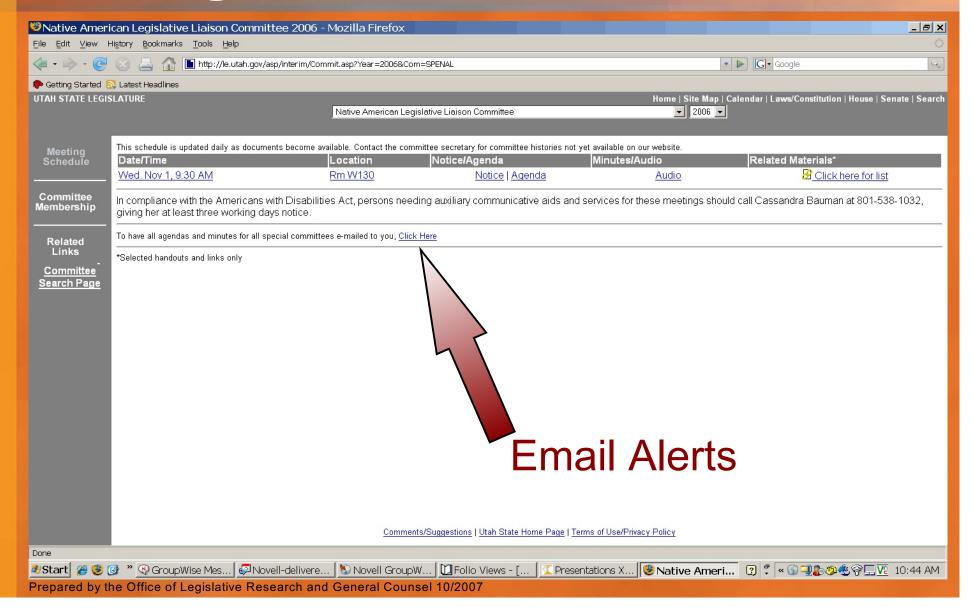


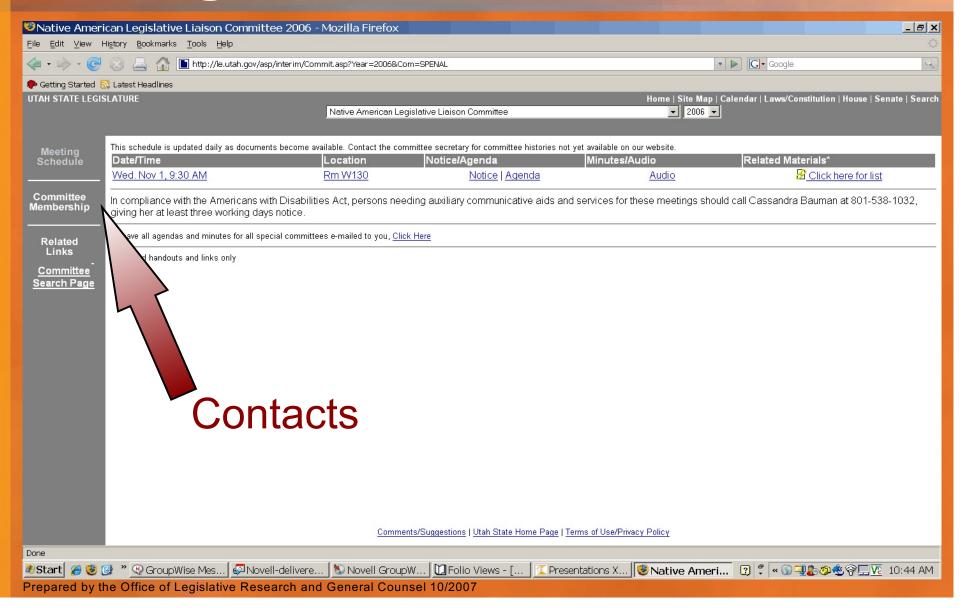
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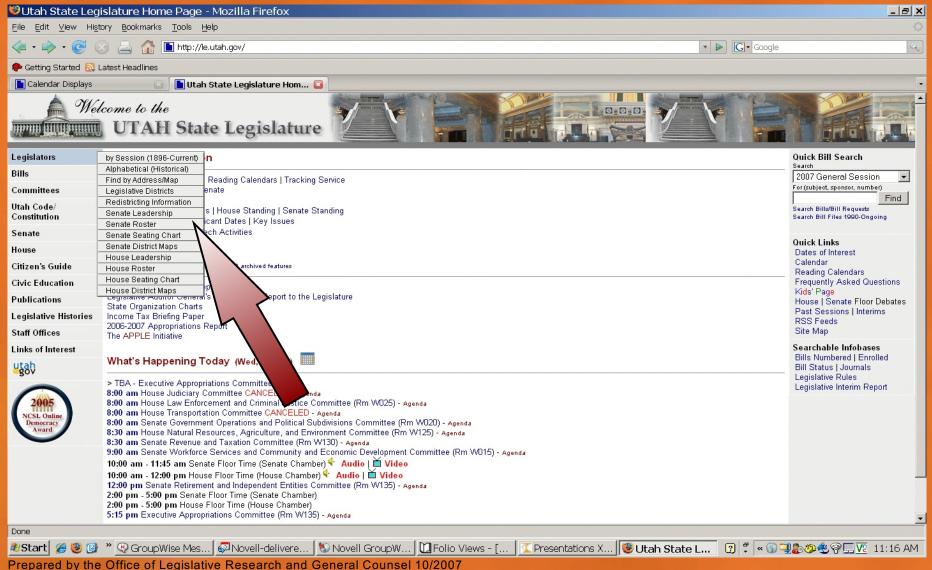


Liaison Committee (NALLC)

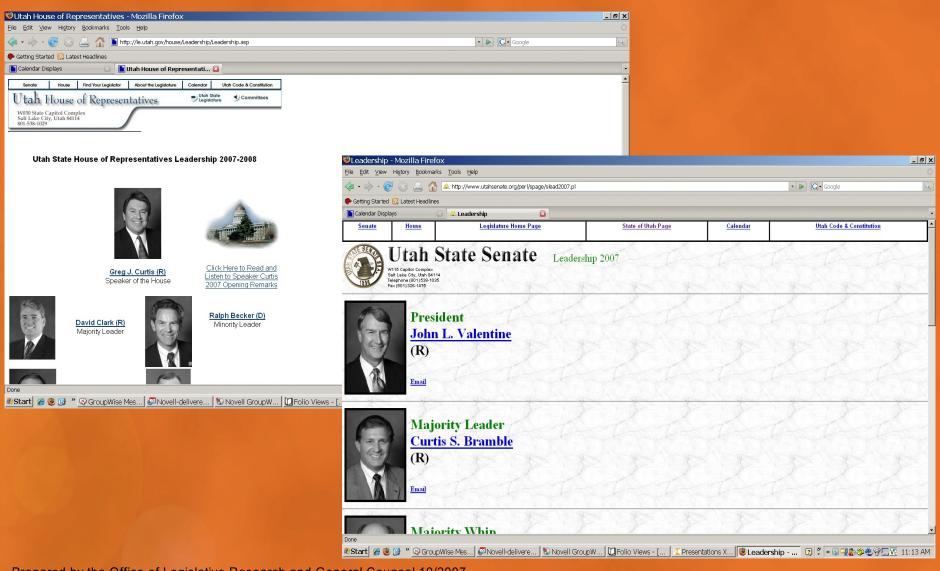
What does the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee do?

- Recommend legislation in the best interest of the State and of Utah tribes
- Review the operations of the Division of Indian Affairs
- Help sponsor meetings and other opportunities for discussion with and between Native Americans

Legislative Leadership



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Legislative Process

What do I need?

Law Changed

> Money Needed

Legislation

When should I be involved?

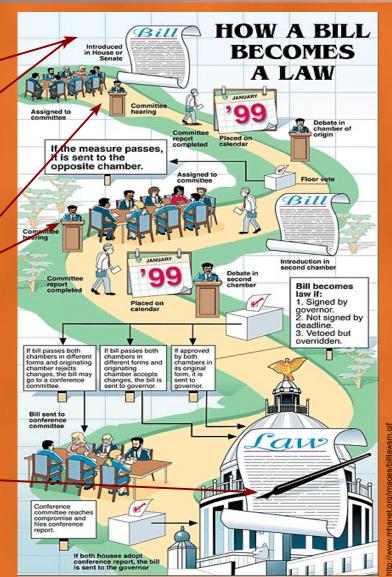
Find a "sponsor"

Input in drafting

Testify in committee

Lobby legislators

Lobby Governor



General Session Dates

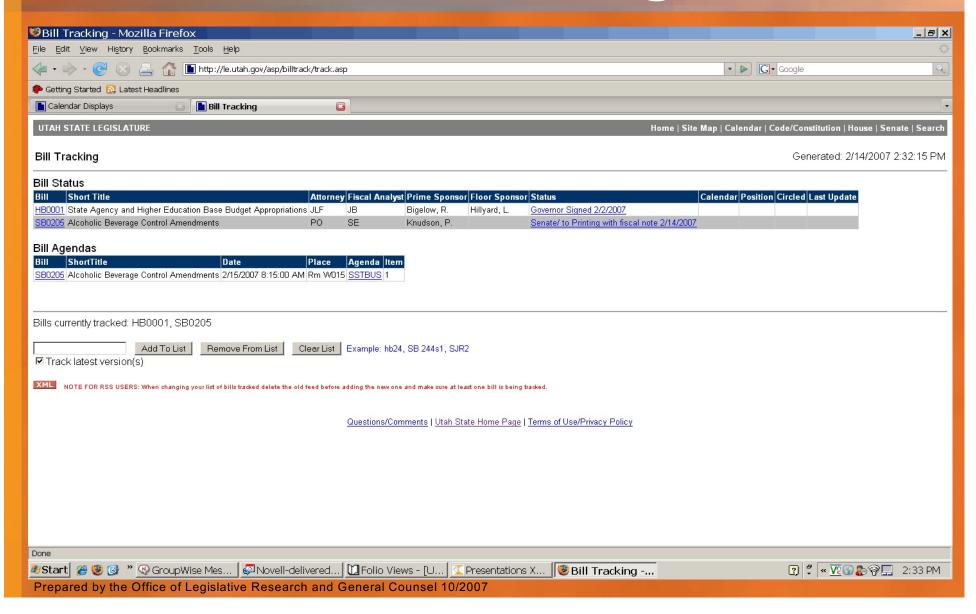
- December 1st
 - Last day for legislators to prioritize up to three bills and for governmental entities to request bills
- 1st day Third Monday in January
 - First day of the Annual General Session
- 11th day
 - Last day to request bills and approve for numbering by title
- 42nd day
 - Last day to reconsider or to consider bills from own house
- 45th day Last day of session
- 21 days after last day of session

 Last day governor may sign or veto bills
- 60 days after last day of session
 - Normal effective date of bills

Bill Tracking



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Budgets and Appropriations

How do I make sure there is funding?

- Some bills carry their own funding with the statutory language
- Other bills receive funding through the budget and appropriation process

Governor's Proposed Budget

September October

November December January

February

GOPB issues forms and instructions

> State Agencies prepare budget requests

> > GOPB reviews agency requests

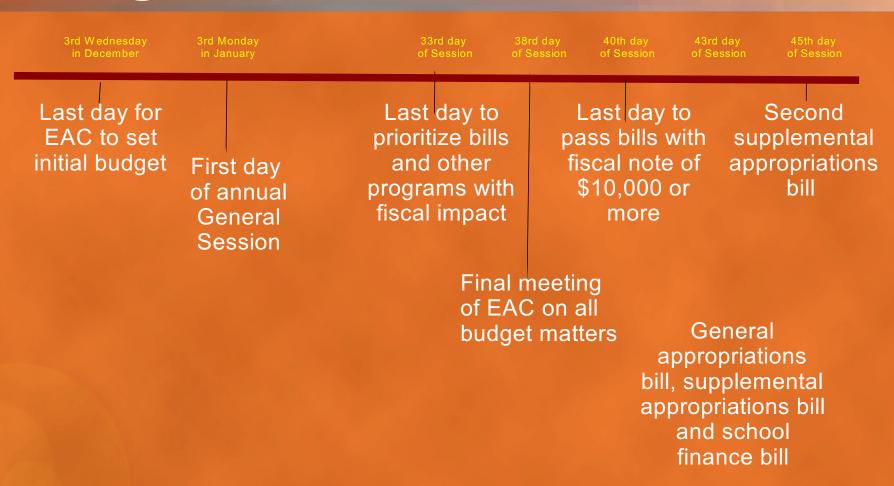
> > > Governor and GOPB hold hearings on agencies' requests

> > > > GOPB issues governor's budget reccomendations

Legislative Fiscal Analyst reviews agencies' requests and Governor's budget reccomendations

> Legislature receives budget information and refers it to Joint Appropriations Subcommittees

Legislative Appropriations



EAC = Executive Appropriations Committee

Appropriations Committees

Who reviews budget issues?

Executive Appropriations Committee

Executive Offices and Criminal Justice

Commerce and Workforce Services

Health and Human Services

Natural Resources

Transportation, Env. Quality, and National Guard

Capital Facilities and Government Operations

Economic Development and Revenue

Higher Education

Public Education

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Appropriations Keys

What happens in appropriations?

- There is never enough money to fully fund everything government would like to do
- Joint Appropriations Subcommittees
 - Prioritize tasks to be done
 - Recommend funding level for each program
- Executive Appropriations Committee
 - Approves overall funding recommendations
- Legislature passes the budget
- Governor has line item veto

Government to Government

The Utah Legislature values opportunities to work cooperatively with tribal leaders

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